as in connection with a monthly budget, a check may be drawn to the borrower to provide the funds to meet such costs.

- (1) A check will be issued payable to the appropriate payee but will never be issued to "cash." The purpose of the expenditure will be clearly shown on Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 402-2 and indicated on the fact of the check. When checks are drawn in favor of the borrower to cover items too numerous to identify, the expenditure will be identified on the check, as "miscellaneous."
- (2) Normally, OL and EM loan funds will not be withdrawn from the supervised bank account until the lien search has been made and a determination reached that the required security has been obtained. This applies also to withdrawal of funds in secured individual loan cases. However, in those instances when the applicant is unable to pay for the lien search and filing fees from personal funds, a check for this purpose may be drawn on the supervised bank account to meet these loan making requirements.
- (3) Ordinarily, a check will be countersigned before it is delivered to the payee. However, in justifiable circumstances such as when excessive travel on the part of the borrower, District Director of County Supervisor would be involved, or purchase would be prevented, and the borrower can be relied upon to select goods and services in accordance with the plans, a check may be delivered to the payee by the borrower before being countersigned.
- (i) When a check is to be delivered to the payee before being countersigned, the District Director or County Supervisor must make it clear to the borrower and to the payee, if possible, that the check will be countersigned only if the quantity and quality of items purchased are in accordance with approved plans.
- (ii) Checks delivered to the payee before countersignature will bear the following legend in addition to the legend for countersignature: "Valid only upon countersignature of Farmers Home Administration or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354."
- (iii) The check must be presented by the payee or a representative to the

District or County Office of the FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 servicing the account for the required countersignature.

- (iv) Such check must be accompanied by a bill of sale, invoice, or receipt signed by the borrower identifying the nature and cost of goods or services purchased or similar information must be indicated on the check.
- (4) For real estate loans or grants, whether the check is delivered to the payee before or after countersignature, the number, and date of the check will be inserted on all bills of sale, invoices, receipts, and itemized statements for materials, equipment, and services.
- (5) Bills of sale, and so forth, may be returned to the borrower with the canceled check for the payment of the bill.
- (6) Checks to be drawn on a supervised bank account will bear the legend:

Countersigned, not as co-maker or endorser.

(Title)

Farmers Home Administration or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 [46 FR 36106, July 14, 1981, as amended at 54 FR 47959, Nov. 20, 1989]

§ 1902.11 District and county office records.

A record of funds deposited in a supervised bank account will be maintained on Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 402–2 in accordance with the FMI. The record of funds provided for operating purposes by another creditor or grantor will be on a separate Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 402–2 so that they can be clearly identified.

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§§ 1902.12—1902.13 [Reserved]

§1902.14 Reconciliation of accounts.

(a) A checking account statement will be obtained periodically in accordance with established practices in the area. If the checking account statement does not include sufficient information to reconcile the account (the name of the payee or the check number